



City of Annapolis
Annapolis Heritage Commission
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March 11, 2015

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its March 11, 2015 meeting at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. **Chair** Mack called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Mack, Haight, Worden, Engelke, Clark, Ramirez

Commissioners Absent: Cropper, Holland, Hayes-Williams, Bowen, McWilliams

Staff: Theimer-Brown

Guest: Wayne Speight-Speight Studio

Mr. Haight moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Worden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Theimer-Brown of MainStreets Annapolis briefly discussed her credentials and is attending the meeting on behalf of Ms. Craig who was called to another event.

Chair Mack noted that he briefed the Board of Public Works on preservation efforts relating to three projects, Masonic Masons Hall in Baltimore, Montgomery County and Eastern Shore. The briefing was well received and he also stressed the importance of diversity in the preservations efforts.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The AHC tabled voting on the December 3, 2014 meeting minutes to allow for additional edits.

Ms. Engelke addressed an issue in the minutes that relate to the statement "Ms. Craig believes that the HA should handle the St. Claire Wright lectures" reiterating that the invitation must come from the Mayor because the British Ambassador will only respond to an elected official.

Resignation

Chair Mack announced Ms. Hayes-Williams and Ms. McWilliams resignation from the AHC effective March 11, 2015.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Bike Rack Project – Interpretive Plaques

Ms. Theimer-Brown noted that MainStreets Annapolis received a grant in 2013 from the State of Maryland Department of Transportation (DOT) for the design, procurement and installation of artistic bike racks throughout the historic district. She explained that a request for quote was put out for artists and only one response was received from Speight Architectural Firm. MainStreets was asked to oversee the project due to staffing changes at the City of Annapolis DOT. There has been a significant amount of consultation with the biking community and the Art in Public Places Commission on this project. The HPC approved the project for installation at its March 10, 2015 meeting. There

will be 11 bike racks installed throughout the City of which 7 will be in the historic district and 4 just outside the district. The design includes historic vessels that are associated with Annapolis with interpretative panels so are looking for feedback on panel language from the AHC. Ms. Jane McWilliams and Ms. Jean Russo will be reviewing the wording for accuracy. The racks will be installed in pairs except at the Susan B. Campbell park location. Ms. Engelke indicated that the Trumpy boats were changed to PT boats during World War II and suggested doing a second bike rack on Trumpy. Ms. Ramirez suggested creating a rack card to show bicycle routes and location of racks for those visiting the City. Ms. Theimer-Brown is hoping that installation will begin this summer and agreed to keep the AHC updated. She concluded that Department of Public Works will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the racks.

2. Update on Annapolis 300 Marker Replacements

It was noted that the Annapolis 300 markers have deteriorated so are in need of replacement. Ms. Theimer-Brown asked Ms. Engelke if there was an inventory of markers that need to be replaced. Ms. Engelke responded all markers on West Street so about 15-16 markers. She provided a copy of the sign photos to Ms. Craig and Fossil, former Mayor Moyer and City Manager Tom Andrews. Ms. Theimer-Brown will follow up with Fossil and SignCraft for the status.

3. Vacancies on Commission

Chair Mack noted that there are currently two vacancies on the AHC and two more underway. Ms. Engelke has not agreed to serve a second term and would prefer to see someone who lives in the City along with the five who are designated by Historic Annapolis. Ms. Ramirez suggested that commissioners consider drafting some criteria or guidelines for membership. **Chair** Mack agrees that there needs to be guidelines in addition to the bylaws and asked Mr. Worden to draft some guidelines for the AHC to review at the May meeting.

4. Commission Support for Maryland Day

There was a brief discussion regarding the AHC's support for Maryland Day that is occurring the week of March 20, 2015. Ms. Ramirez provided a flyer of Maryland Day events. Ms. Theimer-Brown explained that MainStreets is partnering with the Historic Preservation Commission to do another scavenger hunt so will be sending out an e-blast promoting the event.

Mr. Clark asked if there is anyone working on 50th anniversary of the listing of National Historic Landmark. Ms. Theimer-Brown responded that Ms. Craig is working on this and that Annapolis has been accepted for a mobile walking tour. She announced that the National Preservation Conference is scheduled for November 3-6, 2015 in Washington D.C.

There was a discussion regarding history and Ms. Ramirez suggested that commissioners check the Annapolis website to see what it says about Annapolis history. **Chair** Mack briefly talked about those projects that are making revenues for the jurisdictions referring to the Harriet Tubman project on the Eastern Shore.

5. Discovering our School Community

Mr. Haight provided a document titled "Discovering our School Community" and while researching found works for every elementary school in AACO in 1951-1953. He thought that maybe with a little prodding, some group would take on this project to update the works that was completed in 1951-1953. **Chair** Mack believes that this is a project that Terry Poisson would be interested in so suggested establishing a subcommittee and asked for volunteers. Ms. Ramirez, Ms. Theimer-Brown, Mr. Haight, and **Chair** Mack agreed to work on this project.

6. Cornhill Street

Ms. Engelke noted that there has been a significant amount of work on Cornhill Street and that the City is proposing to replace the granite curbs with concrete. She believes that if homeowners are required to replace in kind then the City should also be required to use appropriate materials to

replace the sidewalk. Ms. Engelke agreed to draft something to the Mayor for the AHC to review at the May meeting.

D. **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mr. Haight moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm. Ms. Engelke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder